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Just got back to Michigan after a combination business trip/vacation to Albuquerque, New Mexico. I liked Albuquerque enough to consider retiring to the area someday. In the meantime, some school food service information:

- 1) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program – The 2013-2014 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant application is now available. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that the application for the 2013-2014 FFVP Grant can now be completed online. Following is a link to the formal announcement of the grant and the link to the actual application. **We are extending the deadline for the application to June 3, 2013** due to some technical problems we experienced last week. Here is the link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FFVP_Grant_419611_7.pdf.
- 2) The New CRE - We wanted to take a moment to update everyone on the highly anticipated new National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Administrative Review process that has been developed by USDA to consolidate the CRE and SMI processes. Here is our tentative NSLP Administrative Review Timeline:
 - a. Summer 2013 - The School Nutrition Programs Unit will release the names of the SFAs that will have a review scheduled in SY 2013-2014. I want to mention those SFAs that do not complete the 6 Cent Certification/Performance Based Reimbursement application process in School Year (SY) 2012-2013 will be prioritized for an Administrative Review in SY 2013-2014. I highly encourage everyone to complete those applications as soon as possible. There is still time!
 - b. June 2013 - At the June Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Thursday, June 27, 2013, there will be a General Session that covers the new Administrative Review process. The session will be a high level overview focusing on the changes from the old CRE/SMI process compared to the new Administrative Review process.
 - c. October 2013 – NSLP Administrative Review Regional Trainings will be conducted around Michigan. Those SFAs scheduled to have a review during SY 2013-2014 will be invited to participate in these trainings. MDE will be repeating the trainings in fall 2014 and fall 2015 for SFAs scheduled for Administrative Reviews in those respective school years. These comprehensive, one -day trainings will cover all aspects of the new Administrative Review to help SFAs prepare for the process. Stay tuned for more information on these trainings.
- 3) Grain Crediting - This is a friendly reminder that schools should be crediting all grains (both WGR and non WGR) using the new ounce equivalency standards. Therefore, each ounce equivalent should contain 16 g of creditable grain for groups A-G. It was brought to our attention that some of our schools were under the impression that non WGR grains will continue to credit as 14.75 g per bread/bread alternate in School Year 2013-2014. This is not correct. Please be sure schools are aware. As you know this current

school year served as a transition period as we move forward with the new guidance. This transition period ends June 30, 2013.

Recognizing that operators and manufacturers which provide products for the school meal programs may require time to change specifications and revise products, we will allow SFAs and program operators to credit grain products based on the current 14.75 grams of grains per serving through SY 2012-2013. All grain products must be credited based on per oz eq standards beginning on July 1, 2013, the beginning of SY 2013-2014. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- 4) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Outreach – Part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act requires schools to inform their communities of SFSP in their area. For information on outreach to households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program meals, please see Food Service Administrative Policy No. 10 – SY 2012-2013 at the following link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/10_Child_Nutrition_Reauthorization_2010_-_Outreach_to_Households_on_the_availability_of_Summer_Food_Service_Program_Meals_418959_7.pdf.
- 5) June Director's Conference – We would like a strong turnout for our first attempt at an extended MDE conference in quite some time. The working agenda is posted online at www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition. There is NO registration cost and the hotel has given us very favorable rates and breakfast and lunch is included. We have tried to put together important information to help you operate your food service operations in compliance with the new regulations along with information that will help assist you in providing the best possible food service program. Also, we are providing workshops that step out of our School Nutrition programs with different ways to help nourish our students. So come on, SIGN UP! Here is the link for registration information:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Registration_Memo_417902_7.pdf.

Hope the end of your school year goes well. Thanks for hanging in there this year....it has been, at times, challenging.

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